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NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002 ("Action").

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph inserted at page 6, line 17, in the amendment submitted February 11, 2000, with the following three paragraphs:

Figures 6A and 6B schematically show a detector and a thermal cycler according to certain embodiments of the invention.

Figure 7 schematically shows certain embodiments of the invention that employ a fiber optic cable.